successfully as per mission requirements. A series of flight trials will be commencing.

(c) Trishul missile will enter the user's trial phase during the second half of 1997 after which it will enter the production & induction phase.

[Translation]

Portrait of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose

203. LT. GENERAL SHRI PRAKASH MANI TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether on the occasion of 50th death anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, his Ministry propose to issue instruction to all offices under his department to put up a portrait of Netaji in order to boost the morale of our soldiers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) According to the existing instructions, apart from certain categories of Senior Commanders, the photographs of only the following personalities are displayed in the premises of various units of the Armed Forces :

(a) Mahatma Gandhi

(b) The President

(c) The Prime Minister

(d) Raksha Mantri.

[English]

Ex-servicemen Status to Personnel of BRO

204. SHRI BADAL CHOUDHURY :
SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN :
SHRI BAJU BAN RIYAN :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to provide greater benefits to the personnel of Border Road Organisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government also propose to give ex-servicemen status to the retired personnel of BRO; and

(d) if so, by when, and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) and (b) Government is considering possible improvements in Service conditions of all its employees.

(c) and (d) The proposal is being examined in the Ministry of Defence.

Rengali Irrigation Project In Orissa

205. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the date of completion of the headworks and the Right Canal of the ongoing Rengali irrigation project in Orissa;

(b) whether these works have in any respect helped the water starved areas in Dhenkanal or any other district in that State;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the steps taken to expedite the Right Canal of Rangali irrigation project; and

(e) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) to (c) The head works of Rengali Irrigation project in Orissa have been completed in 1995-96. The Right main canal which is also called Dhenkanal main canal is scheduled to be completed in 2000-2001. On completion, the following districts of Orissa would be benefitted :

1. Dhenkanal
2. Cuttack
3. Keonjhar
4. Baksore

(d) and (e) An amount of Rs. 15.00 crores has been approved as Central Loan Assistance to the Rengali project right main canal under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme and an amount of Rs. 7.50 crores has been released to the State Government as first instalment in November, 1996.

[Translation]

Swarn Rekha Multipurpose Project

206. SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many villages submerge as the Swarn Rekha Multipurpose project has not been completed so far;

(b) if so, the number of villages affected and the total damage caused thereby during the year 1994-96; and

(c) the relief measures taken by the Centre to help the affected people of the villages ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) and (b) Subernarekha

Multipurpose Project is presently under construction. 203 villages in Bihar and 36 villages in Orissa will be affected by the Project.

(c) Relief measures are taken by project authorities as per the Rehabilitation policy of the State.

[English]

Acquisition of M-11 Missiles by Pakistan

207. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT :
SHRI PARAS RAM BHARDWAJ :
SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have reviewed threat perception posed by Pakistan's acquisition of surface to surface M-11 ballistic missiles;

(b) if so, the steps taken to counter such threats posed by Pakistan;

(c) whether the U.S. Defence Secretary, Mr. William Perry, has confirmed China's M-11 missiles transfer to Pakistan and predicted that Islamabad would soon have a full-fledged missile capability; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (d) Government is aware of the reported acquisition of M-11 missiles by Pakistan from China. Former U.S. Defence Secretary, Mr. William Perry has also reportedly confirmed that China has transferred M-11 missiles to Pakistan.

All necessary steps are being taken to ensure that an appropriate deterrent is available for the threat posed by Pakistani acquisition of M-11 missiles from China.

Buddhist Stupa

208. SHRI AJMEERA CHANDULAL :
SHRI K.S. RAYADU :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large Buddhist Stupa of second century has been recently discovered in Khammam district of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether further excavations are being carried out at the site to determine, if there existed a large dwelling complex near the stupa ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAi) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The excavations undertaken by Department of Archaeology, Government of Andhra Pradesh from 1986-87 at village Nelakondapalli, District Khammam, have brought to light a Buddhist stupa, monastic cells, congregation halls and chaitya, nine Buddha idols, a model of a stupa containing Brahmi legend, and coins of Satavahana, Ikshavaku, Chantamula and Vishnukundin rulers. A panchdhatu Buddha image has also been unearthed.

[Translation]

Funds to U.P. from CRF

209. SHRI SOHAN BEER : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal seeking allocation of funds for road development has been received from Uttar Pradesh Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allocated to Uttar Pradesh from the Central Road Fund during the last three years indicating year-wise details thereof; and

(d) the funds proposed to be allocated to the State during 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (b) Allocation of funds from Central Road Fund (CRF) is done on lump-sum basis having regard to the accruals of various States, schemes sanctioned and the funds made available by the Ministry of Finance.

(c) Allocation from CRF to the State of UP for the last 4 years is as under :

Year	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
1993-94	100.00
1994-95	157.00
1995-96	111.00
1996-97	159.00 (Proposed)

(d) It is too early to indicate the funds proposed to be released to the State during 1997-98.

[English]

Dredging Contracts in Hooghly

210. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Calcutta Port has since given all the contracts of dredging in the Hooghly river to private companies; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the names of the companies ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.